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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings have been amended to replace French-language labels with corresponding English-language labels. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Replacement drawings sheets labeled as such are submitted herewith.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-20 are amended.

Claims 1-20, which were previously translated from the original French language, have been amended as to form to more closely conform to customary U.S. practice. Claim 12 has also been amended to delete the phrase "said automatic branch exchanges possibly being of different technologies." No new matter has been added and no narrowing amendments are intended.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicated that no PTO-1449 form was received by the Office with the IDS filed with the application, and that a reference cited in the IPER (WO 94/21094) was not included with the aforementioned IDS. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful attention to the file. A copy of the PTO-1449 form originally submitted with the present application as filed is attached hereto.

A Supplemental IDS is also being filed with this Response, citing two references, WO 94/21094 and WO 94/21091. WO 94/21094 was cited in the IPER, but the assignee identified in the IPER does not match that listed on the reference, and the subject matter does not appear to be at all similar to the present application. Further, the portions of WO 94/21094 specifically identified in the IPER do not correspond to the reference itself. In reviewing WO 94/21094, Applicant's undersigned attorney noted WO 94/21091, which is associated with the assignee identified in the IPER. Citation of WO 94/21094 in the IPER may have been a typographical error in the citation of WO 94/21091. The Supplemental IDS therefore cites both WO 94/21094 and WO 94/21091.

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Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings because the labels were in French. The drawings have been amended to replace the French-language labels with corresponding English-language labels. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Replacement drawings sheets labeled as such are submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office Action indicated that the word “possibly” in claim 12 renders the claim indefinite.

Claim 12 has been amended herein to delete the phrase “said automatic branch exchanges possibly being of different technologies.” Claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 12-14 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,905,792 to Miloslavsky (hereinafter “Miloslavsky”). The rejection of claims 1-20 is respectfully traversed.

Miloslavsky does not teach or suggest one or more interfaces connected to telephone lines of the automatic branch exchanges and by a computer link to the server, as recited in part in claim 1. Miloslavsky fails to teach an interface connected to telephone lines of the automatic branch exchange, or any interface at all. The Office Action asserts that the “claimed [CTI] server reads on the server 303,” and the “claimed interfaces read[] on the

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processors 223 and 224.” Server 303 of Miloslavsky, however, is a “data server” (column 5, line 1), and processors 223 and 224 are not interfaces but rather provide CTI enhancement to call centers 121 and 122 (refer to column 4, lines 31-44, of Miloslavsky).

Even if processor 223 is assumed to be analogous to the claimed interface, which Applicant respectfully submits it is not, the link identified as 212 in FIG. 1 of Miloslavsky between processor 223, which provides CTI enhancement, and switch 123 is a “high-speed data link” (column 4, line 32). This is not a telephone line as recited in claim 1 of the present invention. The invention disclosed in the present application is related to an interface interposed between a CTI server and a private automatic branch exchange (PABX) to access the PABX through at least one of the PABX’s phone lines, rather than using a specific CTI line. Refer also to the application as filed at page 2, line 18 – page 7, line 33, and the figures. Accordingly, the present invention aims to distinguish high-speed data links through the use of telephone lines.

Miloslavsky therefore does not teach or suggest one or more interfaces connected to telephone lines of the automatic branch exchanges and by a computer link to the server, as recited in part in claim 1. Miloslavsky teaches neither an interface nor an interface connected to telephone lines of the automatic branch exchanges, at least for the reasons set forth above. Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claims 2-14 depend from claim 1 and are also allowable. The rejections of claims 2-14 are traversed but not expressly argued herein in view of the allowability of the underlying base claim.

Claim 15 recites a control device comprising, in part, a telephone interface connected to telephone lines of the automatic branch exchange, and a computer interface comprising a processor to provide a link with a computer telephony integration server. At least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, claim 15 is also allowable. Claims 16-20 depend from claim 15 and are therefore also allowable. The rejections of claims 16-20 are

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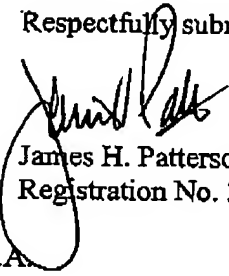
traversed but not expressly argued herein in view of the allowability of the underlying base claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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